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25 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director

SUBJECT : Action Taken During Your Absence 20-23 July

1. During your absence I made the two following commitments:

a. That [redacted] would be used for training in its present modified condition, that is, it will have standard instrumentation and cockpit and will be able to handle normal camera equipment. It has an auto pilot installed but will not have a sextant, which I understand would require considerable rearrangement of equipment to install. This will mean that [redacted] will not be suitable for operational use unless it has additional modifications provided. If we need this airplane, such modifications can be conducted without any great trouble or delay to the project after Detachment C has been trained.

b. The [redacted] installation. As you will remember, [redacted] 9 and 10 had cabling installed to receive [redacted]. These airplanes will be deployed in the field before the equipment is installed. At present the [redacted] tests are being flown in No. 11. [redacted] says installing the [redacted] in the field can be done but is somewhat difficult and will require TDY assignment of personnel with the know-how to make the fix. He is suggesting that we take Nos. 14 and 16 which are now in the factory and install the cabling in them so that the [redacted] can be installed here in the States before they are deployed. If we went along with this, it would mean that Nos. 9 and 10 would be carrying around 10 to 20 pounds of cabling as dead weight with no contemplated use. Naturally such cabling could be removed in the field but I am sure such removal would require bulkhead sealing and would require considerable work. Considering all the factors I decided we would not change 14 and 16 and that we would consider sending appropriate TDY personnel to the field to install the [redacted] in Nos. 9 and 10 as we originally contemplated.

J. A. GIBBS  
Deputy Project Director

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